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that... I know the studies are there, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Thank you, Senator Dierks. And my time is about up so I will stop for this time.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Cunningham.

SENATOR CUNNINGHAM: Thank you, Mr. Speaker and members of the I'd like to thank again Senator Dierks for bringing us this bill. As you know this bill was stuck in committee for quite a long time. We couldn't get it out of committee. I was getting nervous. It was my priority bill and Senator Dierks was working as hard as he could, but you know what it is like in front of the Revenue Committee. Was I right? We've got some smiles up front here. But Senator Dierks did what he needed to He negotiated, and from those negotiations, we got a gluten So Senator Dierks gave his word and that was one of the things that needed to be done to get the bill out of committee. Now we have a lot of people that don't prefer to have the gluten We have a lot of people that don't prefer to give some of the funding to the Sutherland plant. But it appears to me that when we take the temptation and sign on to some of these amendments that seem like they fix the bill a little bit, we lose a few senators on the other side. Every amendment we're going to lose a few senators here and a few senators there. Senator Chambers has even alluded to this, how us as rural senators we don't seem to be sticking together too good, and we need to realize this is probably the number one rural economic development bill this year. And if we truly want this bill to pass, we're maybe going to have to try to avoid some of those temptations and maybe vote for some little things we don't exactly like for the betterment of all of us. So I would really appreciate it if we could all follow Senator Dierks' lead not to take that temptation and vote for those amendments, and let's get this bill passed this year. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Dierks.

SENATOR DIERKS: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I, of course, oppose Senator Chambers' amendment and I wanted...he asked me some questions about profitability, I believe, to the corn industry,